

United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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date entered

1. Name

historic Traband, John H. House

and/or common Traband, John H. House

2. Location

street & number 14204 Marlboro Pike (Maryland Route 725) n/a not for publication
city, town Upper Marlboro n/a vicinity of congressional district Fifth
state Maryland code 24 county Prince George's code 033

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mrs. Adelaide Traband Binger

street & number 14204 Marlboro Pike

city, town Upper Marlboro n/a vicinity of state Maryland 20772

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse

street & number Main Street

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland 20870

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Maryland Historical Trust
Historic Sites Inventory has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☒ no

date 1974/1981 ☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust, 21 State Circle

city, town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

7. Description

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Condition

☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date n/a

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**Number of Resources****Contributing**

2
1
0
0
3

Noncontributing

2 buildings
0 sites
0 structures
0 objects
2 Total

Number of previously listed
National Register properties
included in this nomination: 0

Original and historic functions
and uses: residential

DESCRIPTION SUMMARY:

Built between 1895 and 1897, the John H. Traband House is an a symmetrically shaped Queen Anne influenced frame structure of modest size and detailing, two and a half stories high with an asbestos shingled hip roof with a central chimney, projecting two-story bays on the south and east elevations, and a two story porch with turned columns and balusters on the facade or south elevation. Set back some distance from the street, the house has German siding, shingles in the gables and scroll brackets on projecting bays; the bays are tripartite on the first floor and rectangular on the second. A one story shed-roofed frame addition was constructed in 1974 along the back or north elevation. The interior of the house has an a symmetrical floor plan with period corner-blocked symmetrical trim and an oak staircase balustrade with turned balusters, square newel post, and scroll step-end decoration. Also located on the property are a frame two story gable-roofed carriage house and the site of an ice pit, both contemporary to the house and contributing to the significance, as well as two mid-twentieth century buildings, a frame garage which is attached to the house by an enclosed walkway and a masonry dairy building, both of which do not contribute to the significance. The carriage house which originally stood over the ice pit was moved to the back of the property in the mid-twentieth century for construction of the present driveway.

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The John H. Traband house is located on the north side of Marlboro Pike, the old road from Upper Marlboro to Washington, just inside the northwest boundary of the town of Upper Marlboro. It is a two-and-one-half-story frame house built in modest Queen Anne style, the only example of this type surviving in Upper Marlboro, the county seat of Prince George's County. Approximately 40' (NS) by 28' (EW), the house has a hip roof (with asbestos shingles) which slope to three gables on the south, east and west, and has a central brick chimney (with corbeled cap) which rises from the highest point of the hip. The south (main) facade is three bays wide, with entrance in the central bay. The first two bays are covered by a two-story porch (now glassed in); original trim of this porch includes the second-story balustrade, brackets and turned posts. Set diagonally in the southeast corner of the house is a recessed window with elaborately carved lintel; this treatment is repeated in the projecting bay of the east gable. The exterior wall finish is German siding. The gable ends at third level are decorated with shingles, and two courses of shingles under the eaves form a decorative cornice around the rest of the house. The house rests on a concrete block foundation. Originally the house had no basement, but in the 1920's a half-basement was dug out under the west portion of the house.

The interior plan of the house is as follows: the principal entrance leads into a stairhall in the southeast quadrant of the house, with two larger parlors (living room and dining room) on the east side. The kitchen, located in the northwest quadrant, once led east into a long pantry just north of the dining room; this pantry was eliminated soon after the house was built, adding more space to the dining room. (Another alteration on the first floor was the addition of a small bathroom between kitchen and stairhall.) A small kitchen porch, later enlarged, was enclosed in 1974, making a one-story family room across the north facade of the house. This 12-foot addition is sheathed with aluminum siding.

The wood trim throughout the house is a simple eight-band symmetrical molding, with bulls-eye corner blocks at all door and window architraves. The right-angle staircase features oak balusters and newelpost, and is lighted by a stained glass window at one-and-one-half-story-level on the west facade.

There are three outbuildings standing on the lot: a double garage with German siding built (1961) on the site of the original summer kitchen and since 1974 connected to the dwelling house by a covered passage; an (original) frame carriage house moved a short distance to the north from its original location over the ice-pit and now covered with aluminum siding; and a small masonry dairy house.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	1895-1897	Builder/Architect	see below
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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Architect: Arthur F. Nicholson
Laurel, Maryland

Builder: B. Wesley Cranford
Upper Marlboro, Maryland

Applicable Criterion: C
Criteria Exceptions: none
Level of Significance for Evaluation: local

SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY:

The John H. Traband House is significant historically and architecturally to Upper Marlboro, the seat of Prince George's County. The house was constructed as the residence of a prominent citizen, John H. Traband (1857-1938) who was a successful businessman and land holder in Upper Marlboro. It was designed by a builder-architect named Arthur F. Nicholson who was located in Laurel in northern Prince George's County and erected under the supervision of B. Wesley Cranford, an Upper Marlboro carpenter. As the only turn of the century Queen Anne style house remaining in Upper Marlboro, a town which underwent extensive alteration in the mid twentieth century, and as a documentable resource as to designer, builder, and occupant, the John H. Traband House is an important resource for understanding the growth and development and architectural character of the town at the close of the nineteenth century and in the early decades of the twentieth. Traband occupied the house until his death in 1938.

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT

The house was built for John H. Traband, Jr., whose father emigrated from Germany in 1855, and came to settle in Upper Marlboro in Prince George's County, Maryland. The senior Traband established a carriage-making business in the town, and within a few years operated a successful shop on the south side of Main Street across from the (old) Courthouse. He began to purchase land, and by the time of his death in 1885, owned close to 1000 acres: several substantial farms, and eight properties in the town of Upper Marlboro including his dwelling and carriage shop, an operating grist mill, a hotel, and law office.¹ In 1871 he purchased a 46-acre tract of farmland on which already stood a grist mill on the Federal Spring Branch; this property was known as the Mill Lot or Mill Farm, and it is on a part of this property that the subject dwelling was subsequently built.²

In 1856, Traband married Emily Pumphrey of a long-standing Marlboro family; their son, John H. Traband, Jr., was born in the following year. The younger Traband established himself with his father in the saddle/harness-making business; upon the death of his father in 1885, he acquired through division by the Court of Equity a large share of his father's real estate, including the harness shop and the Mill Lot, the latter by then reduced (through sale of small lots) to 38.68 acres.³

Traband continued to run the harness shop, and lived in the house adjoining until ca. 1894 when a fire destroyed his nearby hotel. Because of the ever-present threat of fire spreading through the shops and offices on Main Street, he decided to move out of the center of town. He ordered plans from architect Arthur F. Nicholson of Laurel, Maryland, and hired a local carpenter, B. Wesley Cranford, to supervise the construction of the new dwelling on the Mill Lot. While construction was underway, 1895-1897, he moved his family to another of his properties, the Brooke Farm, just northwest of Marlboro; they moved into the new house on the Mill Lot in 1898.⁴

Nicholson's drawings show a "Six Room Cottage:" "For Mr. Traband To be erected at Marlboro, Md."⁵ The plans called for a full basement under the house, but this was not carried out originally. Heating was accomplished by stoves set in two centrally located flues, and it was not until the 1920's that a half-basement (under the west portion of the house) was excavated, for the installation of a coal furnace.

The original outbuildings included a summer kitchen, a carriage house (built over an ice house pit), chicken house, stables and dairy house.

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT (continued)

After moving into the subject house, John Traband continued to operate his harness shop on Main Street, while operating the grist mill, and farming as well. He was the vice-president of the County Trust Bank, was a Town Commissioner, and served as a member of the Vestry of Trinity Episcopal Church for over 50 years. After his death in 1938, the dwelling house property passed to his widow, and in 1954 to his daughter, who resides there now.⁶

Although only approximately 3/4 acre remains of the original Mill Lot, the house which stands on it is unique to the town of Upper Marlboro. It is the only surviving local example of its style, its original architectural drawings survive, and it represents the upward mobility of a working-class immigrant family, who prospered and made a significant contribution to the community.

Footnotes

¹ P. G. Equity #1573

² P. G. Deed HB#5:1

³ P. G. Equity #1573

⁴ Interview with Adelaide Traband Binger, November 1983.

⁵ Architectural drawings, A. F. Nicholson, Architect, Laurel, Md., in possession of Mrs. Binger.

⁶ Interview with Mrs. A. T. Binger, November 1983; P.G. Wills WTD#5:350, WCH#2:513; P.G. Deeds #3237:17, 19; Trinity Church Vestry Minutes (M1210); Memorial Resolution, Tinity Church, 1939.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Continuation Sheet No. 4

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .7736 acreQuadrangle name Upper Marlboro, MarylandQuadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

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B						
	Zone	Easting	Northing			

C						
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G						
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H						
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Verbal boundary description and justification

See Continuation Sheet No. 4

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	n/a	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan G. Pearl

organization

date November 1983street & number 6701 McDonough Terracetelephone 301-262-3367city or town Bowiestate Maryland 20715

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

<input type="checkbox"/> national	<input type="checkbox"/> state	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local
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As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

2-14-84title STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

date

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES:

P.G. Co. Deeds. HB#5:1, #3237:17,19.

P.G. Co. Wills WTD#5:350, WCH#2:513.

P.G. Co. Equity #1573.

Architectural drawings, ca. 1894, by A. F. Nicholson, Architect, Laurel, MD.

P.G. Census, Marlboro District, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900.

Directory of Residents in Laurel, Md., August 1894.

Memorial Resolution, Trinity Church, 1939.

Conversation with Mayor Helen Wilson, Town of Upper Marlboro, November 1983.

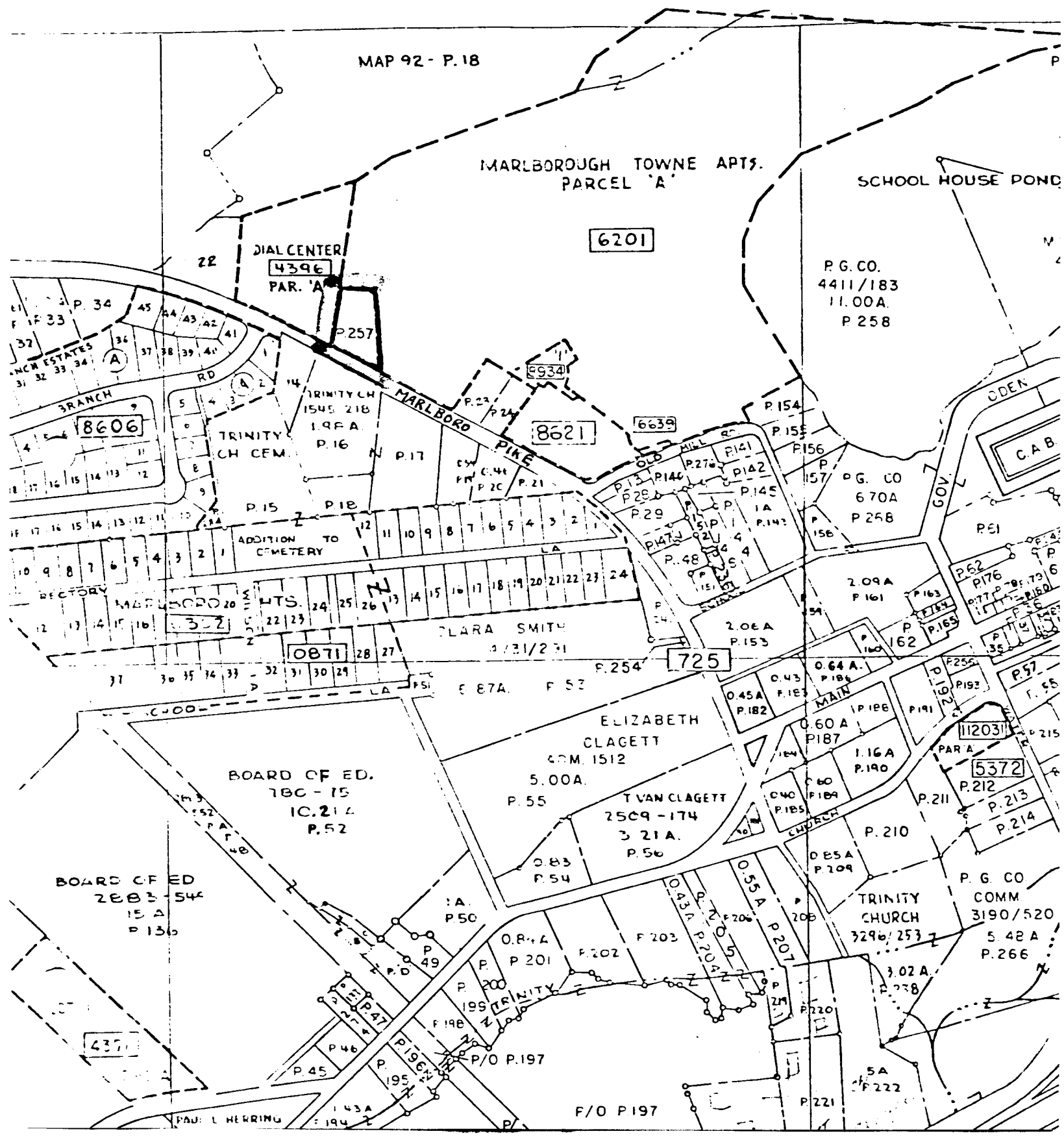
Interview with Mrs. Adelaide Traband Binger, November 1983.

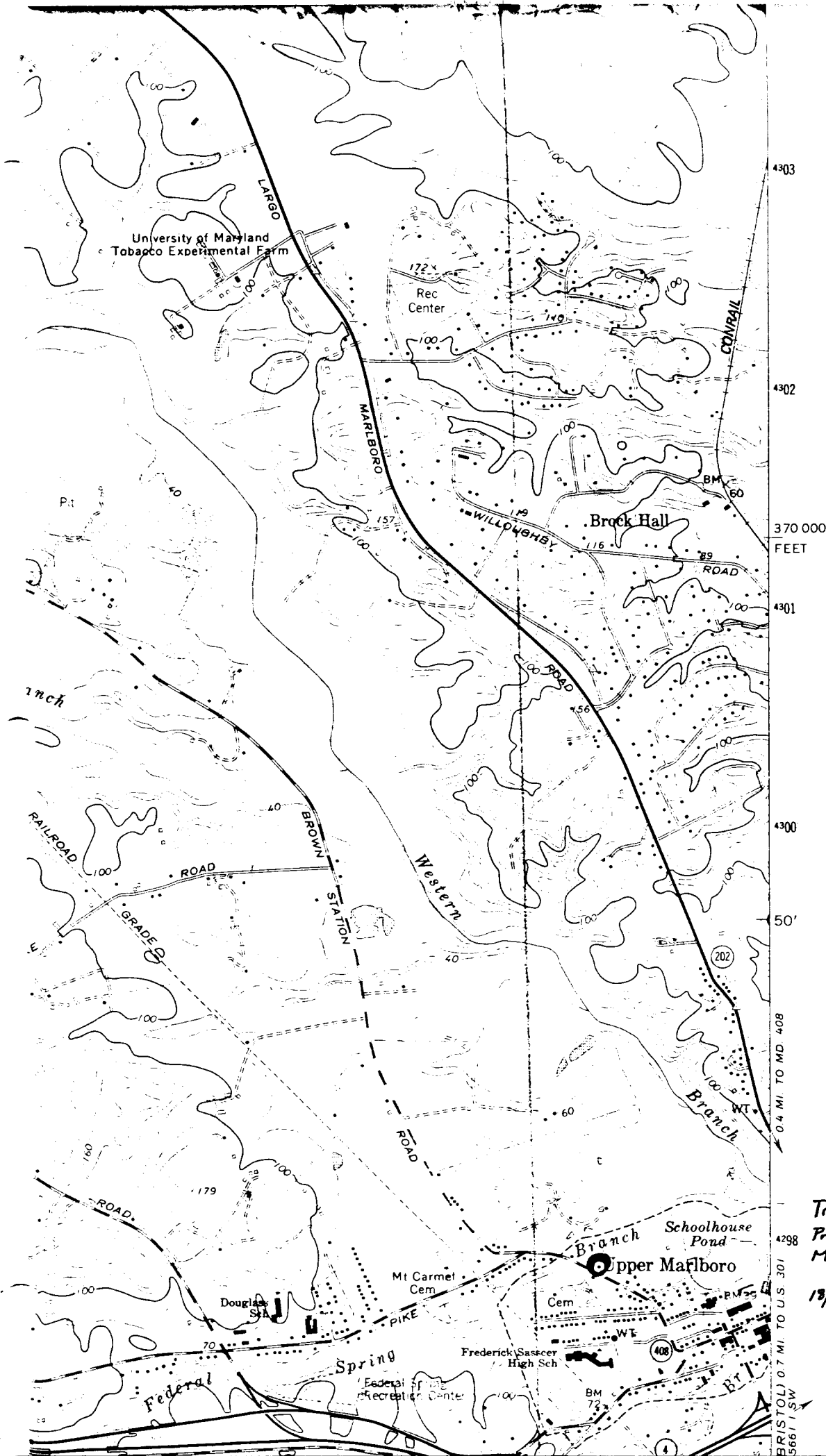
VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION

Indicated as Parcel No. 257 on the attached map, the nominated property consists of the town lot on which the resource stands. This lot contains .7736 acre or 33,699 square feet. The lot is the only remaining portion still in Traband ownership of the 46 acre Mill Farm acquired by the family in 1871.

P.G.#79-21, John H. Traband House

Parcel #257





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Prince George's Co
Maryland

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John H. Traband House

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Prince George's County, Maryland

Photo: Susan G. Pearl

14 November 1983

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD

Southeast 3/4 elevation

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South elevation

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Prince George's County, Maryland

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East elevation

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John H. Traband House

Prince George's County, Maryland

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14 November 1983

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD

West elevation

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John H. Traband House

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Prince George's County, Maryland

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14 November 1983

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD

Parlor doorway, view to West

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John H. Traband House

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Prince George's County, Maryland

Photo: Susan G. Pearl

14 November 1983

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD

Stairhall, view to West

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Old Mill Place

AND/OR COMMON

Traband house

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

14204⁰¹⁸ Marlboro Pike (Maryland Route 725)

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

VICINITY OF

4th

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

Prince George's

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mrs. F.R. Binger

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

14204 Marlboro Pike

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE zip code

20870

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. P.G. Co. Courthouse

Liber #: 3237

Folio #: 19

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro, Maryland

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

P.G. Co. Inventory of Historic Sites

DATE

1974

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR

SURVEY RECORDS Calvert Mansion, 4811 Riverdale Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Riverdale, Maryland 20737

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

fG:79-24

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a two-and-one-half-story frame house built in modified Queen Anne style. It has a hip roof which slopes to three gables on the south, east and west, and has a central chimney which rises from the highest point of the hip. The south (main) facade is three bays wide, with entrance in the central bay. The first two bays are covered by a two-story porch, original trim of this porch includes the second story balustrade, brackets and turned posts. Set diagonally in the southeast corner of the house is a recessed window with elaborately carved projecting lintel (Rockville bay). This pattern is repeated in the projecting bay of the east gable. Gable ends at third level are decorated with fish scale shingles, and two courses of fish scales under the eaves form a decorative cornice around the rest of the house.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		local history	

SPECIFIC DATES 1894-97

BUILDER/ARCHITECT John H. Traband

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house was built by John H. Traband, Jr., on land acquired by his father in 1871. John H. Traband, Sr., immigrated from Germany in 1855, and became a successful coach and saddle-maker in Upper Marlboro. In 1871 he purchased the Old Mill Place, 46 acres on Federal Spring Branch just north of the village, and supervised the operation of the old grist mill there.¹ After Traband's death in 1885, his son, John H. Jr., lived in his father's house (on the south side of Main Street) until it was destroyed by fire in the early 1890's. He then (1894-97) built the present house on the Old Mill Place, and it remains today in the possession of his descendants. It is the best example of late Victorian architecture remaining in Upper Marlboro.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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P.G. Co. Deeds HB#5:1;
Will WCH#2:513
Interview with owner

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION _____

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Susan G. Pearl

ORGANIZATION

P.G. Historical & Cultural Trust

DATE

June 1981

STREET & NUMBER

Calvert Mansion, MNCPPC, 4811 Riverdale Rd.

TELEPHONE

779-2011

CITY OR TOWN

Riverdale, Md. 20737

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

(entered 9/15/80)

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITES SUMMARY SHEET

P.G. County Survey : 79-21 Date 1894-97
Building Name Old Mill Place (Traband House)
Location 14204 Marlboro Pike, Upper Marlboro
Open to Public yes x no

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PA # 79-21
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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
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CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro				
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Prince George's		
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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:				
Prince George's County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		
Upper Marlboro		Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
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None				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a late nineteenth or early twentieth century, 2-1/2 story house with tongue-and-groove siding and patterned shingle gables. The chimney rises at the center of the house. The porches are elaborated with turned posts and trim.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginol | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian		DATE May 9, 1973
ORGANIZATION M-NCPPC		
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue		
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring	STATE Maryland	

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____

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CHAIN OF TITLE
OLD MILL PLACE & TRABAND HOUSE
PG#79-21

3237:19
12 Nov 1965
Deed

Bessie May Wyvill to Frederick R. & Adelaide T. Binger, ca. 1.9 acres on north side of Marlboro Pike, Upper Marlboro, being part of land acquired by Adelaide Traband in will of Sadie Traband, same being part of land of John H. Traband

WCH#2:513
14 Dec 1954
Will

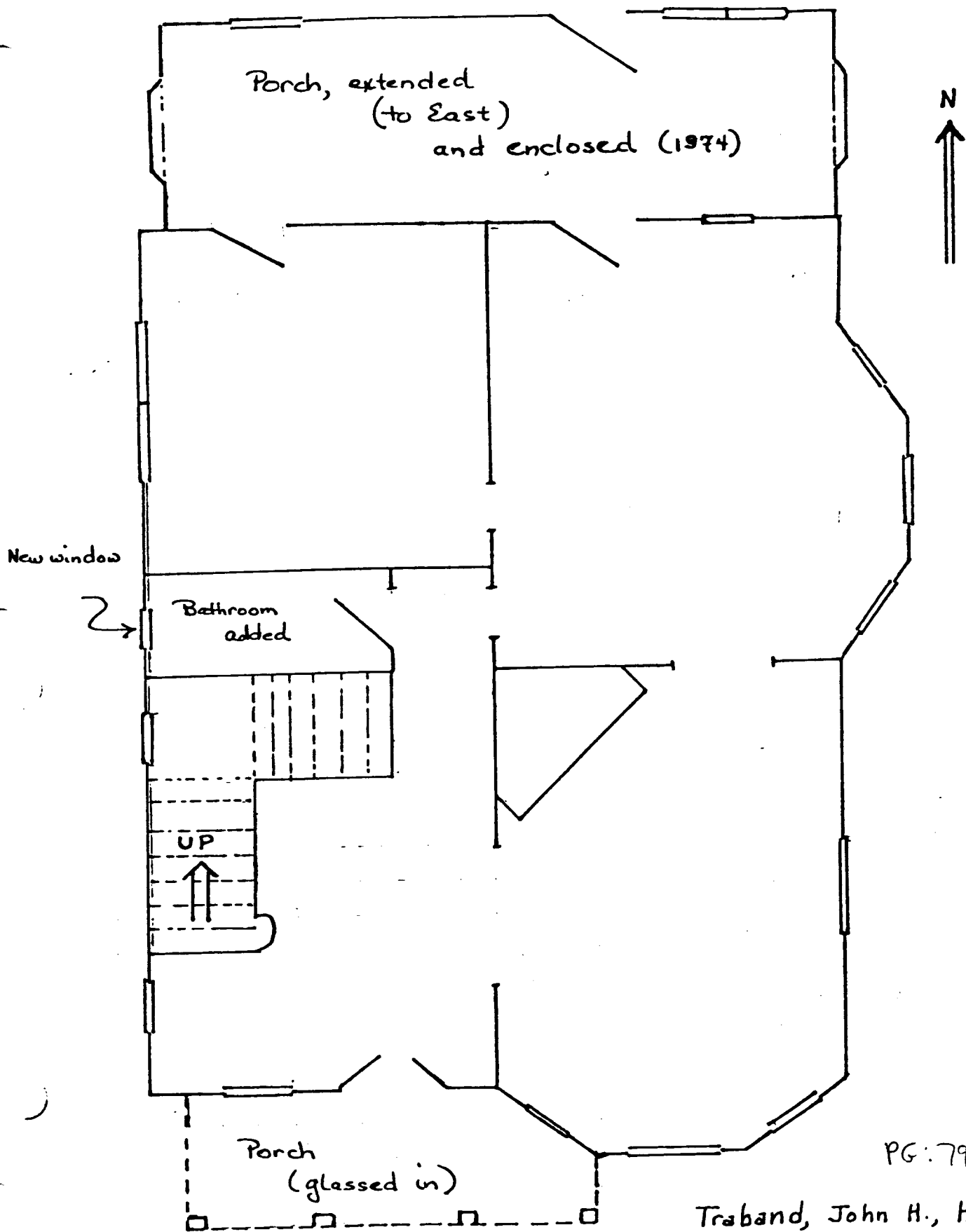
Testator, Sadie T. Traband: to daughter, J. Adelaide Traband, the "home place" including the tract adjoining known as the Mill Farm

WTD#5:350
24 Apr 1938
Will

Testator, John H. Traband: leaves everything to his wife Sadie

HB#5:1
4 Aug 1871
Deed

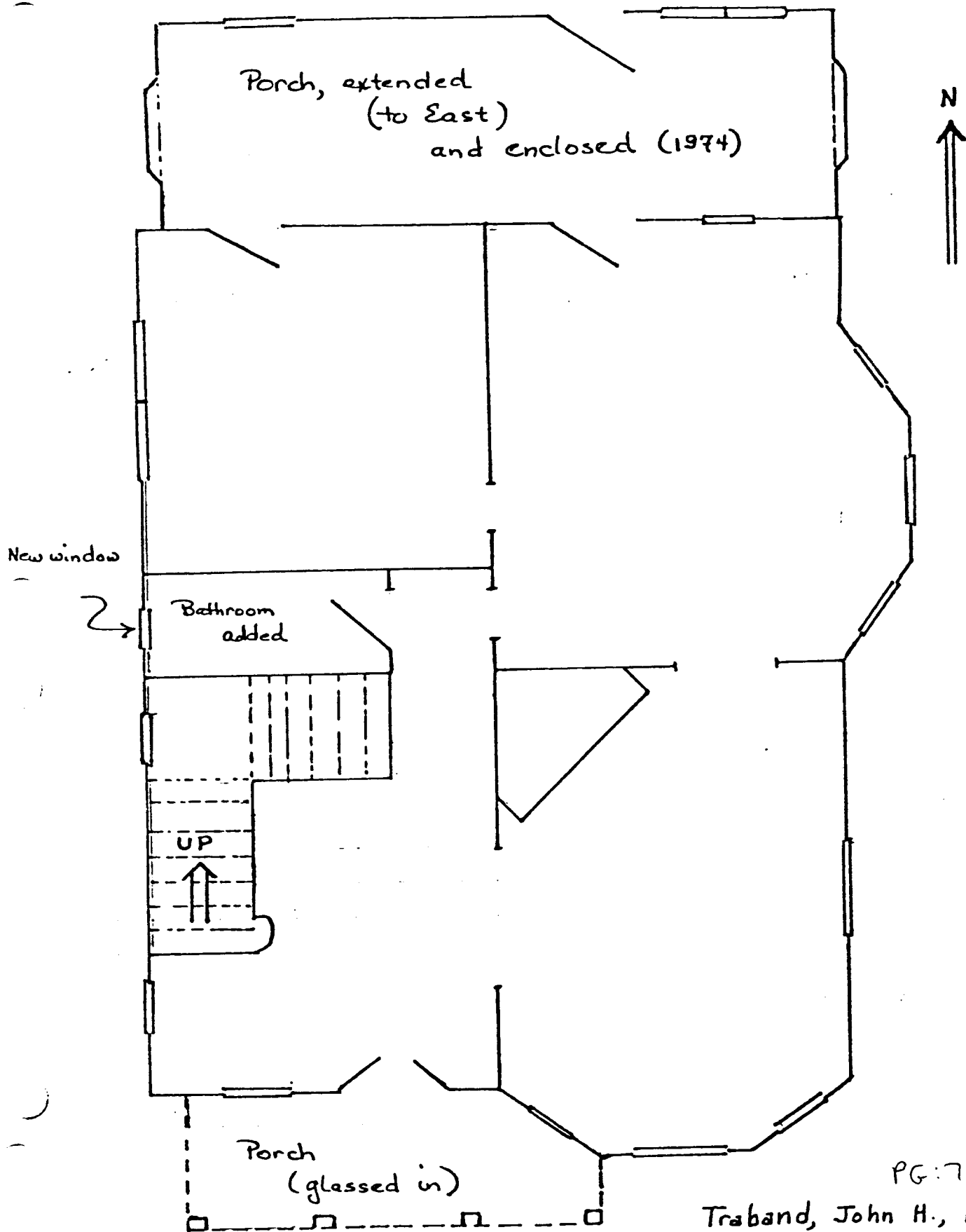
J.B. Brooke to John H. Traband; Brooke appointed trustee to sell the land of Benedict J. Gardner, - "Mill lot", 46 acres



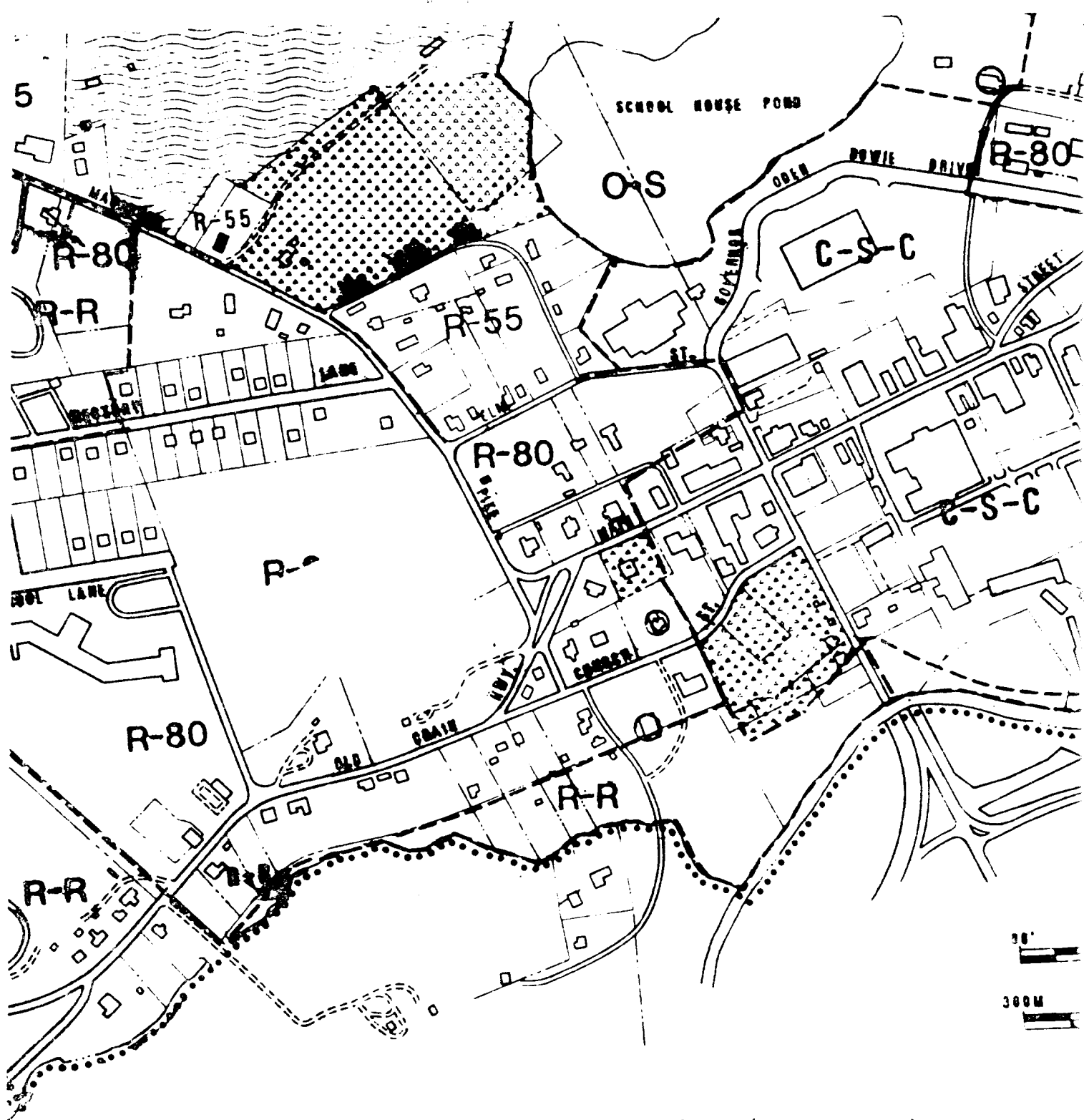
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Traband, John H., House
Prince George's County
Maryland

1st floor plan 1983
not to scale S.G. Pearl



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OLD MILL PLACE (TRABAND HOUSE)

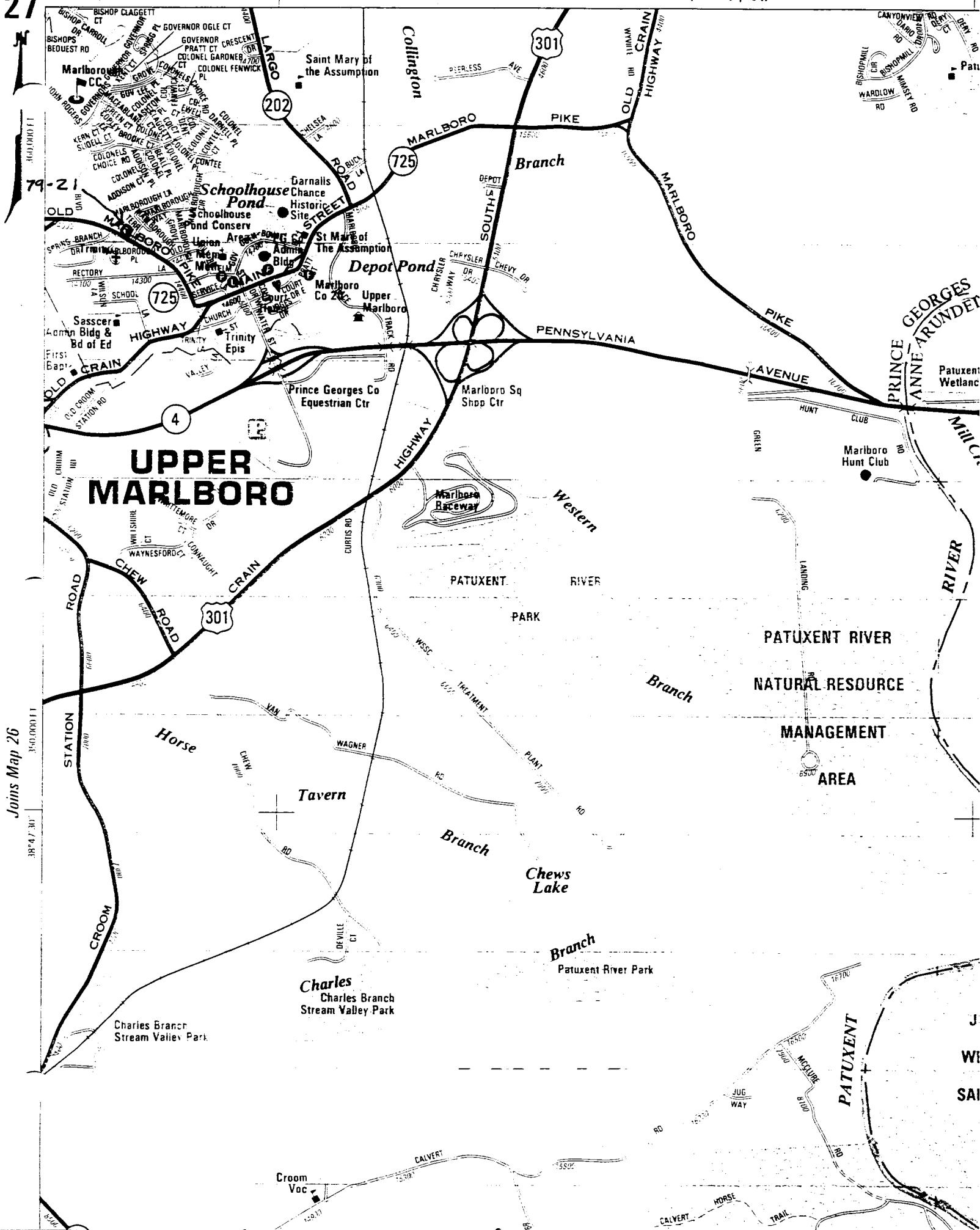
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JOHN H. TRABAND HOUSE
USGS 7.5 minute map
Upper Marlboro Quadrangle
1:24 000
1965, photorevised 1978

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0.4 MI. TO MD. 408
0.4 MI. TO U.S. 301
1.2 MI. TO MD. 4
1.0 MI. TO U.S. 50
1.0 MI. TO SW
4298
4297
4296
4295
47'30"





NAME John H. Traband House, PG: 79-21

LOCATION 14204 MARLBORO PIKE, UPPER MARLBORO, Md.

FACADE S.

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